

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 5-14, 17-22, 24-28, 30-70, 73, 74, and 76-79 are pending, with Claims 80-82 canceled by the present amendment.

In the Official Action, Claims 80-82 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fukushima (U.S. Patent No. 5,692,082) in view of Kinoshita (U.S. Patent No. 6,342,965), and Claims 5-14, 17-22, 24-28, 30-70, 73, 74, and 76-79 were allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

Rejected Claims 80-82 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications directed to the subject matter of Claims 80-82.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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